4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE





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Week of May 21-27, 2012



COMMUNITY ALERT

WI 1st Youth

Department presents...

Bowties and BBQ

Older men teaching our younger men how to grill and live a godly life that is 'tied tight.'

Jurisdictional Headquarters
June 9, 2012
11 AM—2 PM
\$10 donation for grilled lunch

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.



Remember to Vote!



Are you registered to vote for the upcoming Recall Election on June 5? If you are unsure, check vpa.wi.gov. There, you can look up your registration status and your polling place. If you are not registered to vote, be sure to bring a proof of residence to your polling place on election day, June 5. For a complete list acceptable proofs of residence, please check

city.milwaukee.gov/vote. If you are registered, you can either vote on June 5 or by absentee ballot. Until June 1, you may go directly to City Hall and vote early as an "in-person absentee", or you may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you by completing a GAB-121 form. To download a copy of the GAB-121 form, visit city.milwaukee.gov/votingbyabsenteeball924. No matter how you choose to do so, remember to vote! Let your voice be heard!

Investigation Circles Gov. Walker

Over the last two years, a secret "John Doe" investigation has implicated several of Governor Walker's former staff. Two have been charged with embezzling more than \$60,000 from veterans, and one pled guilty to working on Walker's most recent campaign on the taxpayer's dollar. Governor Walker's former deputy chief of staff has even been charged with felony misconduct while in office. Now, Walker has set up a legal defense fund. Under law, I know that such funds are only allowed for public officials under investigation or who have already been prosecuted. Governor Walker claims to not be under investigation, even while more and more of his friends and allies have been accused as criminals. Sooner or later, the truth will be revealed.

Spill Casts Doubts on DNR

A terrible spill in the St. Croix River shows that the Department of Natural Resources has failed in regulating sand mining. Last year, the number of sand mines in Wisconsin exploded from 5 to over 60. This is great news! On the other hand, the DNR has not fulfilled it duties. A rapidly developing industry will make mistakes. Some, like the recent spill, will be devastating. The DNR must keep up with innovations in the business world. The people of Wisconsin value their environment and cannot allow the DNR to fail so miserably.



<u>5th Annual Freedom</u> <u>Scholarship Essay</u>

Alderwoman Milele A.
Coggs has launched this
scholarship challenging
students to analyze the
concept of freedom in an
essay of 1,000 words or
less. The deadline falls
on August 13, 2012. Applications can be found
online at

<u>city.milwaukee.gov/</u> district6

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Happy Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our proud nation. I would like to take the opportunity to share with you a poem that had always deeply moved me, "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. It captures both the horror of the war and the heroism our the warriors. Our soldiers are truly the great citizens. We have too rarely honored them, dead and living, as we well as they deserve.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"My fellow
Americans, ask
not what your
country can do for
you; ask what you
can do for your
country."

-John F. Kennedy



"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

-Abraham Lincoln